

# Penobscot Bay Watch

Keeping an eye on Maine's biggest bay.

January 16, 2024

Mr. Kevin Martin, FOAA coordinator  
17 State House Station  
Augusta ME 04333

**Subject:** Maine Freedom of Access Act request re DEP & GAC Chemical shoreline waste site

Dear Mr. Martin

This letter is a request pursuant to 1 M.R.S.A. 408-A, the Maine Freedom of Access statute, for the following public records: **GAC Chemical Company-related meeting notes, phone notes, letters emails and their attachmentsn audio or video recordings, their transcripts and other public records relating to the GAC Chemical company including storm damaged shores sent or received by Nick Hodgkins of DEP's Waste Bureau from December 1, 2023 to January 11, 2024.**

Please email these records to us as pdfs (*searchable pdf format when possible*) and or or digital media at [coastwatch@gmail.com](mailto:coastwatch@gmail.com).

We believe that our request is narrow enough that you should be able to gather this information within the 2 hour no-charge period. If not, we ask a waiver of fees for this small FOAA request. Penobscot Bay Watch is an all-volunteer community organization. **All information we acquire via the FOAA process is shared with the public, state, federal and local officials, and the media and general public without charge and without limitation.** It is not of commercial value to our organization or its members.

Further, the request is in the public interest as the results contribute significantly to public understanding of how our state and municipal governments work together when evaluating and responding to legacy estuarine shore-based pollution challenges.

Penobscot Bay Watch looks forward to your acknowledgment of this FOAA letter and its fulfilment.

If you need additional information to locate any of the recordss requested or have a fee request, please call me at 207 691-4634 or email me at [coastwatch@gmail.com](mailto:coastwatch@gmail.com)

Sincerely best wishes

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